

# Chester Port Health Authority.

## *Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1948*

To the Chairman and Members of the Chester Port  
Health Authority.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my **Annual Report for 1948.**



Board.                The composition of your Board and the extent of its jurisdiction are the same as previous years.

Foreign                During the past year Vessels arrived at Mostyn with  
Trade.                Wood Pulp.

Coastwise.            This traffic has shown little change during the year.

No passengers entered the Port.

Inspection.            The usual systematic inspection of both Foreign and Coastwise Vessels has been carried out with regard to Sickness, Water Supply, Ventilation, Sanitary conditions of the Crews' quarters, and the presence of Rats. No cases of serious illness were detected.

A few minor defects were found on inspection in certain of the Coastwise Vessels, to which the attention of the Master was drawn with subsequent improvement.

No cases of Infectious Diseases occurred in the Port during the year.

# **I. Amount of Shipping entered the Port during the year 1948:—**

|                                 | Number. | Tonnage. | Number Inspected.                 |                            | Number reported to be Defective. | Number of Vessels on which defects were remedied. | No. of Vessels reported as having, or having had, during voyage Inf. Disease on board. |
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|                                 |         |          | By the Medical Officer of Health. | By the Sanitary Inspector. |                                  |   |  |
| Foreign ... ..                  | 33      | 3887     | 20                                | 28                         | 1                                | 1   | Nil  |
| Coastwise ... ..                | 289     | 31223    | 25                                | 55                         | 11                               | 11  | Nil  |
| Total Foreign and Coastwise ... | 332     | 35110    | 45                                | 83                         | 12                               | 12  | Nil  |

## **II. Character of Trade Port:—**

Passenger Traffic during the year 1948:—

**Cargo Traffic.** Principal Imports—Timber, Wood Pulp, Iron Ore, Scrap Iron and Potatoes.

Principal Exports—Galvanized Steel Sheetting, Fibro, Bricks, Tiles, Sanitary Pipes, &c.

Foreign Ports from which Vessels arrived—Skogall, Gotburg and Gothenburg.

## **III Source of Water Supply:—**

Rhyl—Supply of the Rhyl Urban District Council.

Connah's Quay—Supply of the Connah's Urban District Council.

Mostyn—Supply of the Holywell Rural District Council.

## **IV. Pert Health Regulations, 1933:—**

On arrival at the Port of Foreign Vessels, the Customs Officer, along with the Officer of the Sanitary Authority, board the ship. The Declaration of Health form is filled in and signed by the Master.

Moorings Stations designated under Article 10.

(a) Within the Docks—None.

(b) Outside the Docks:—

(1) Mostyn Deep.

(2) The Rhyl Roadstead off the Parade between the Pier and the East Bank of the River Clwyd

### Standing Exemptions.

Authority for Officers to allow certain unclean Vessels to proceed to their usual place of mooring, discharge, or loading, where a death or case of the following diseases has occurred on such vessels:—

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Acute Polio-Encephalitis.     | German Measles (Rubella).                 |
| Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.    | Measles.                                  |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever.         | Membranous Croup.                         |
| Chicken Pox.                  | Malaria.                                  |
| Continued Fever.              | Pneumonia (either Primary or Influenza!). |
| Diphtheria.                   | Relapsing Fever.                          |
| Dysentery.                    | Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever).               |
| Epidemic Infantile Paralysis. | Trench Fever.                             |
| Encephalitis Lethargica.      | Tuberculosis (all Forms).                 |
| Erysipelas.                   | Typhoid Fever (Enteric Fever).            |

### Hospital Accommodation.

Arrangements have been made by which cases of plague, cholera and yellow fever, occurring at the Port, will be transferred by Ambulance and treated at the Port of Liverpool Hospital. Cases of Smallpox and other Infectious Diseases will be removed by Ambulance and treated at the Clatterbridge Isolation Hospital.

Arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease among sailors have been made with the Royal Infirmary, Chester.

No case of Infectious Disease occurred on vessels during the voyage or was landed from vessels at the port.

**V. Measures against Rodents.** The number of Rats destroyed during the year were: On Vessels 28; and in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses 14 (approx.). Total 42.

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year—Nil.

**VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces**—Number inspected during the year: British Vessels 55; Other Nations 28. Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health: British Vessels 11; Other Nations 1.

**VII. Food Inspection.** Shell Fish—There are Shell Fish beds in the estuary of the Dee within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority. These are liable to pollution by sewage in certain areas. Samples of Cockles have been submitted for bacteriological examination.

